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October 25, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH AND FAMILY
CENTER AND APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACTS BY AND
BETWEEN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND EL NIDO FAMILY CENTERS AND
ALTAMED HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION FOR CAL-LEARN CASE
MANAGEMENT SERVICES
(ALL DISTRICTS – 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Chair to find that Southern California Youth and Family Center (SCYFC) is in default of its contract with the County of Los Angeles as of September 2, 2005, for its failure to perform Cal-Learn Case Management Services under the existing contract.
2. Approve and instruct the Chair to terminate for default the contract by and between the County of Los Angeles and SCYFC for Cal-Learn Case Management Services.
3. Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the attached Amendment Number Four to the contracts between the County of Los Angeles and El Nido Family Centers and AltaMed Health Services Corporation, effective one day after the Board of Supervisors' approval, for additional funds in the amount of \$23,444 for AltaMed and \$13,094 for El Nido, to cover excess costs related to establishing offices in the Inglewood and Long Beach areas to serve participants previously served by SCYFC. These are one-time-only costs that will not roll over to and will not be funded in the next contract term. The current contracts are caseload driven and do not include a contract maximum.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION ACTION

Southern California Youth and Family Center (SCYFC) informed the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) that they would discontinue Cal-Learn Case Management Services effective September 2, 2005, due to a change in their financial condition. SCYFC provided Cal-Learn Case Management Services to 370 pregnant and parenting teens in the Inglewood and Long Beach areas.

Cal-Learn is a State-mandated program for CalWORKs participants who are under 19 years old, are pregnant or parenting, and have not yet completed their high school education. The County's Cal-Learn contractors provide comprehensive, intensive case management to assist teens in completing their high school education.

Currently, there are four other contractors that provide Cal-Learn Case Management Services in Los Angeles County, Foothill Family Service, Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles, AltaMed Health Services Corporation, and El Nido Family Centers. These contracts are fee-for-service contracts with no maximum contract amount because they are caseload driven. In other words, payment is based on the number of eligible teens who are enrolled and participate in the Cal-Learn program.

To mitigate any damage and to continue necessary services in the two areas previously served by SCYFC, DPSS determined that AltaMed has an office that is closest in proximity to the Long Beach area and El Nido has an office closest to the Inglewood area. DPSS contacted the two agencies to determine their willingness to provide services in the two areas. Both AltaMed and El Nido agreed that they would provide case management services. The one-time-only funds would be used to secure a facility lease and purchase equipment and supplies for case managers. Both providers will continue to serve this population through the next contract period. These one-time-only funds will not be used to pay for case management services which are reimbursed to the contractors monthly, based on the firm-fixed fee-per-case served.

The Cal-Learn contracts will expire on November 30, 2005, at which time the contractors' performance will be evaluated. Based on the results of the evaluation, the contractors may enter into negotiations to extend the contracts for an additional year, pursuant to the Board's mandate. The continuation of services in the Inglewood and Long Beach areas will be discussed in negotiations with the four contractors. El Nido and AltaMed could continue as the service providers in the areas.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #3, Organizational Effectiveness, to ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective and goal-oriented; and Goal #5, Children and Families' Well-Being, to Improve the well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County as measured by the achievements in the five outcome areas adopted by the Board: good health, economic well-being, safety and survival, social and emotional well-being, and educational/workforce readiness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The contracts with El Nido and AltaMed have no contract maximum. The one-time-only funds for AltaMed are \$23,444 and \$13,094 for El Nido, for a total of \$36,538. Funding for these contracts is included in the CalWORKs Single Allocation for FY 2005-06 and there is no additional net County cost since the CalWORKs Maintenance of Effort requirement will be met.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County of Los Angeles currently contracts with El Nido Family Centers and AltaMed Health Services Corporation for the provision of Cal-Learn Case Management services in Los Angeles County.

This Amendment will provide a one-time-only funding for AltaMed and El Nido to establish offices in Inglewood and Long Beach, the areas previously served by SCYFC.

AltaMed and El Nido have agreed to provide Cal-Learn services in the Long Beach and Inglewood areas through November 30, 2005.

The County is authorized to provide these services under California's Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 11331 through 11334 and California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP), Chapter 42-762 through 42-769, and the COUNTY's Cal-Learn Plan.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The current contracts between the County and El Nido and AltaMed are being amended to fund, on a one-time basis, excess costs incurred by these agencies to establish offices in areas previously served by SCYFC, to provide Cal-Learn Case Management Services.

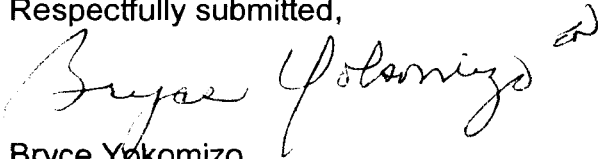
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The execution of this Amendment will not infringe on the role of the County in its relationship to its residents, and the County's ability to respond to emergencies will not be impaired. There is no change in risk exposure to the County. This Amendment will not affect the current services being provided under this agreement.

CONCLUSION

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one (1) adopted stamped Board Letter and three (3) original signed copies of each amendment to the Director of DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bryce Yokomizo", followed by a small checkmark or flourish.

Bryce Yokomizo
Director

BY:sm

Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors